

**TOWN OF DAVIE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM/PHONE:** Barbara McDaniel, MMC, Assistant Town Clerk / 954-797-1023

**PREPARED BY:** Barbara McDaniel, MMC, Assistant Town Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Minutes

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:** n/a

**ITEM REQUEST:** **Schedule for Council Meeting**

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** April 15, 2009 (Regular Meeting)

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** Council minutes from the April 15, 2009 Council meeting.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** n/a

**CONCURRENCES:** n/a

**FISCAL IMPACT:** not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Other - Motion to approve

**Attachment(s):** April 15, 2009

**TOWN OF DAVIE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 15, 2009**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice-Mayor Crowley, and Councilmembers Caletka, Luis and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Shimun, Town Attorney Rayson, and Assistant Town Clerk McDaniel recording the meeting.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Marine Corps Toys for Tots - Braulio Rosa**

Public Information Officer Braulio Rosa introduced First Sergeant Barnes from the Marine Corp Toys for Tots. Sergeant Barnes presented the Commander's Award to the Town on behalf of Toys for Tots. Mayor Paul thanked the Toys for Tots representatives for their service to the community and to the country.

**3.2 Orange Blossom Festival Employee Volunteers - Braulio Rosa**

Mr. Rosa recognized the volunteers who had worked on the Orange Blossom Festival. Mayor Paul read the names of the employee volunteers and distributed certificates of appreciation to those who were present.

**3.3 2008 Tree City USA Award - Tim Lee**

**3.4 2008 Growth Award - Tim Lee**

Urban Forester Tim Lee described upcoming and completed Town landscaping projects. He announced that the Town had been awarded the Tree City Award and the Growth Award. Mr. Lee displayed photos and explained that one requirement for the Growth Award was conducting an inventory of all Town-maintained trees. Mr. Lee named several recent property renovation projects, and mentioned they had also been involved in the I-595 tree relocation project.

Mr. Lee said he would return to Council to request a CO to obtain approximately 100 new trees that would be planted on the medians in Shenandoah, Stirling Road and I-75 and in Waverly Park.

Mr. Lee advised that the Town had recently been awarded a \$100,000 grant from FDOT for the Flamingo Road median. He anticipated additional grants to remove exotics and to replant native species on portions of the Robbins Lodge and Bamford Park properties. Based on the upcoming projects, Mr. Lee anticipated the Town would receive the Growth Award again next year.

Mr. Lee presented the Growth Award to Mayor Paul. Mayor Paul thanked Mr. Lee for his hard work. She remarked on how important preservation of the tree canopy was to the environment and she hoped they could continue this work in years to come.

### 3.5 Community Redevelopment Agency - Will Allen

Community Redevelopment Agency Chair Mark Engel described progress on the SW 41 Street infrastructure improvements. Currently, sewers were 90% complete and drainage improvements were 75% complete. He reported that they were working on a 50/50 grant program to help residents finance their sewer connections and added that the next two phases of the project were in the design stage.

Mr. Engle stated that the CRA had funded the John Anderson concert at the Orange Blossom Festival, and everyone had been very pleased. Restaurant and shop vouchers had also been distributed, which generated \$9,000 to \$10,000 in sales in the downtown area.

Mr. Engle announced that the CRA was initiating a commercial matching grant program to help businesses along Davie Road. They were also active in the Old Davie School Foundation and had paid \$150,000 for the School's new lift station. He added that the CRA had agreed to pay \$120,000 for the School's window replacement project.

Mr. Engle also hoped to bring a proposal to Council for building a new Town Hall and redeveloping the existing Town Hall site. There were also plans to build one parking lot behind the Army Navy Store and another on 63rd Street.

Mayor Paul thanked Mr. Engle for the work the CRA was doing, and she was very pleased with the amount of money the vouchers had generated.

### 3.6 Fair Housing Poster Contest - Giovanni Moss

Interim Housing Director Giovanni Moss introduced Kenya Robinson, CEO and president of HOPE Inc., to explain the contest. Ms. Robinson congratulated the winners and awarded gift cards to those in attendance.

### 3.7 Love to Read, Love to Achieve Reading Program - Giovanni Moss

Mr. Moss introduced Perry Hinton from the Broward County School Board, who described the program and presented certificates to the program volunteers in attendance.

### 3.8 I-595 Expansion Project

Juan Santamaria, CEO of ACS Infrastructure, the company that would perform the expansion of I-595, said that they intended to become an active member of the community for the next few years. He stated that they would be conducting a series of community meetings to explain the details of the job.

Councilmember Starkey said that Council looked forward to working with ACS Infrastructure to make sure residents were affected as little as possible. She informed Mr. Santamaria that Council wished to minimize cut-through traffic in the smaller neighborhoods and wanted detours clearly posted.

Mr. Santamaria explained that during Phase I, which would commence in April, the utilities would be relocated, sound barriers would be constructed and work would begin on the greenway.

Mayor Paul asked Mr. Shimun to schedule a meeting with Mr. Santamaria and a representative from FDOT to discuss the Town's concerns. Mayor Paul advised Mr. Santamaria that the Town was concerned with providing Fire/Rescue service to the "Lexus" lanes and asked if there was a plan to reimburse the Town for the costs to

provide these services. Mr. Santamaria explained that his company would not collect the tolls or control the entrances and exits; this would be done by the Florida Turnpike. He stated that his company was not an owner; they only had the right to build and maintain the infrastructure.

Vice-Mayor Crowley asked if any phase of the project would require approval from Council or review by Town staff. Mr. Shimun said that the Town would not review any of the phases.

Councilmember Caletka said that he had been discussing this issue with the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the next meeting was scheduled for April 16th.

Vice-Mayor Crowley was very concerned that no sound walls were planned for Park City. He asked Mr. Rayson to make certain whether or not any portion of the project must be reviewed or approved by Town staff and/or Council.

Councilmember Caletka made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Luis, to add item 9.1 to the agenda. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

#### **4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

##### *Minutes*

- 4.1 March 4, 2009 (Regular Meeting)
- 4.2 March 18, 2009 (Regular Meeting)

*Proclamations*

- 4.3 National Crime Victims' Right Week (April 26 - May 2, 2009)
- 4.4 Days of Remembrance (April 19-21, 2009)
- 4.5 Census Awareness Kickoff Month (April 2009)
- 4.6 National Fair Housing Month (April 2009)
- 4.7 National Day of Prayer (May 7, 2009)

*Resolutions*

- 4.8 **SELECTION OF FIRM** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SELECTING THE FIRM OF CUBELLIS, INC. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR AN INDOOR FIREARMS RANGE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES. (tabled from April 1, 2009)
- 4.9 **MISSION STATEMENT** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING LANGUAGE FOR THE TOWN OF DAVIE'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT WHICH REPRESENTS THE TOWN'S PURPOSE, CORE VALUES, AND STRATEGIC PRIORITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (tabled from April 1, 2009)
- 4.10 **CONTRACT** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE "POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY RENOVATIONS". (T&G Constructors - \$145,000).
- 4.11 **BID** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE BID AWARDED BY THE CITY OF BOCA RATON FOR SODIUM CHLORIDE, SOLAR SALT FOR WATER TREATMENT, SOUTHEAST FLORIDA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING GROUP BID #2009-004, TO MORTON INTERNATIONAL, INC./MORTON SALT. (\$50,000)
- 4.12 **AGREEMENT** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BROWARD COUNTY AND THE TOWN OF DAVIE FOR 2009 RECYCLING GRANT FUNDS. (not budgeted - \$5,800)
- 4.13 **AGREEMENT** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF DAVIE AND THE HOPE OUTREACH

CENTER, INC. FOR THE LEASE OF SPACE AS SPECIFIED IN THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER LOCATED AT 4700 SW 64 AVENUE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR AT A RENTAL OF \$1.00 PER YEAR BEGINNING FROM THE DATE OF THE LEASE IS EXECUTED AND SHALL AUTOMATICALLY RENEW AND CONTINUE FOR CONSECUTIVE ONE YEAR PERIODS UNLESS TERMINATED BY WRITTEN NOTICE OF EITHER PARTY.

- 4.14     **CONTRACT EXTENSION** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND SUNSHINE AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE, INC., TO RENT DAVIE PINE ISLAND MULTIPURPOSE CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF AFTER SCHOOL, EARLY RELEASE DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS OFF, WINTER BREAK AND SPRING BREAK AND EXTENDED SUMMER DAY CARE PROGRAMS. (\$4,550 estimated annual revenue)
- 4.15     **TERMINATION** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE TERMINATION OF FOUR SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENTS AS LISTED IN ATTACHMENT "A" AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO PROCESS TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENTS.

*Temporary Use Permit*

- 4.16     TU 2-2-09, Broward County's Vista View Park Expansion, 4001 SW 142 Avenue (RS) (construction trailer)

*Quasi-Judicial Consent Agenda*

- 4.17     SPM 12-7-07, Forest Lawn South Memorial Gardens, 2401 SW 64 Avenue (RAC-RTW) (tabled from April 1, 2009) *Site Plan Committee recommended approval subject to the following: 1) that it be clarified on the plans that the roofs would be metal to match the last mausoleum that was built; 2) that the petitioner would add pedestrian access down the center of the six crypts with a connection to each one and that it may meander a bit around trees; 3) to add sod around all the buildings when they were finished; 4) to remove the existing Ficus hedge on State Road 84 and replace with a Cocoplum hedge (675 linear feet) which was to continue along the entire length of the property, past the entrance, to the southeast corner of the property on Davie Road; and 5) to add landscaping to the internal median and circular drive which would be done in the first phase for Town staff to review*

Mayor Paul pulled items 4.4, 4.6 and 4.7 from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Luis, to approve the Consent Agenda, less items 4.4, 4.6 and 4.7. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

**5. DISCUSSION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

4.4     Mayor Paul read the proclamation.

Vice-Mayor Crowley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starkey, to approve. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

4.6     Mayor Paul read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Robertson.

Vice-Mayor Crowley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starkey, to approve. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

4.7 Councilmember Luis read the proclamation.

Councilmember Starkey thanked Linda Owen for organizing the event. Ms. Owen remarked that this was the only breakfast in Broward County celebrating the National Day of Prayer.

Councilmember Caletka made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Crowley, to approve. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

## 6. PUBLIC HEARING

### *Resolution*

- 6.1 **UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING** - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA ELECTING TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED WITHIN THE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE TOWN; STATING A NEED FOR SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Rayson read the resolution by title.

Mayor Paul opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. As no one spoke, Mayor Paul closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Crowley, to approve. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Crowley - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Luis - yes; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

### *Quasi-Judicial Items*

- 6.2 **VARIANCE** - V 9-3-08, Weddington, 13550 SW 9 Court (R-5) (to reduce the side setback from 10 feet to 7.2 feet along the eastern boundary line) *Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval*

Mr. Rayson read the request by title and swore in witnesses. Deputy Planning and Zoning Manager David Abramson summarized the planning report.

Councilmember Starkey pointed out that this property was now in District 3, not District 4. Mr. Abramson confirmed there had been no objections from the surrounding neighbors.

Mr. Weddington, the applicant, clarified that this was actually an open patio.

Mr. Rayson opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. As no one spoke, Mr. Rayson closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilmembers gave their disclosures on this item.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Luis, to approve. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

- 6.3 **VARIANCE** - V 2-2-09, Glazer, 2770 SW 121 Avenue (A-1) (to reduce the required rear setback from 35 feet to 23.25 feet along the eastern property line) *Planning & Zoning Board recommended approval*

Mr. Rayson read the request by title and swore in witnesses. Planning and Zoning Manager David Quigley summarized the planning report.

Mr. Glazer, the applicant, explained to Councilmember Starkey that there were no objections from his neighbors and indicated that he had letters of support from them all.

Mr. Rayson opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. As no one spoke, Mr. Rayson closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilmembers gave their disclosures on this item.

Councilmember Starkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Luis, to approve. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor

Crowley - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Luis - yes; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

6.4      **VARIANCE** - V 2-3-09, Pennsabene, 12732 SW 26 Street (A-1) (to reduce the side setback from 30 feet to 25 feet along the western property line) *Planning & Zoning Board recommend approval*

Mr. Rayson read the variance by title and swore in witnesses. Mr. Quigley summarized the planning report.

Joseph Pennsabene, the applicant, remarked that there had been no objection from his neighbors and he had obtained letters of recommendation from them.

Mr. Rayson opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. As no one spoke, Mr. Rayson closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Councilmembers gave their disclosures on this item.

Councilmember Luis made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starkey, to approve. In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Mayor Paul - yes; Vice-Mayor Crowley - yes; Councilmember Caletka - yes; Councilmember Luis - yes; Councilmember Starkey - yes. (Motion carried 5-0)

## **7. APPOINTMENTS**

### **7.1 Vice-Mayor Luis**

#### **7.1.1 Budget Advisory Committee (one exclusive appointment - term expires April 2010) (members shall have experience in a financial related occupation, or similar skills)**

Councilmember Luis reappointed Stuart Podel.

#### **7.1.2 Open Space Advisory Committee Agency (one exclusive appointment - term expires April 2010)**

No appointment was made.

#### **7.1.3 Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (one exclusive appointment - term expires April 2010) (members shall be a minimum 60 years of age)**

No appointment was made.

### **7.2 Councilmember Starkey**

#### **7.2.1 Community Redevelopment Agency (one exclusive appointment - term expires April 2013)**

Councilmember Starkey reappointed Neal Kalis.

#### **7.2.2 Open Space Advisory Committee Agency (one exclusive appointment - term expires April 2010)**

No appointment was made.

#### **7.2.3 Youth Education and Safety Advisory Board (one exclusive appointment - term expires April 2010) (members shall, whenever possible, have interest and expertise in law enforcement, elementary school instruction, education matters, child psychology, pediatric medicine, parenthood and grandparenthood)**

No appointment was made.

### **7.4 Unsafe Structures Board (one non-exclusive appointment; term expires April 2009) (appointment shall be a plumbing contractor - member shall**

be a permanent resident or have their principal place of business within the Town's jurisdiction)

Vice-Mayor Crowley made a motion, seconded by Mayor Paul, to appoint master plumber Charles Ted Griffin. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

7.5 Affirmation of the Community Redevelopment Agency's Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair (Chair - Mark Engel; Vice-Chair - Neal Kalis)

Vice-Mayor Crowley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starkey to approve. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

8.1 Community Chest

Mr. Shimun distributed information regarding what Council had approved in 2004 and requested Council's direction.

Vice-Mayor Crowley asked where the seed money would come from. He was concerned about depleting the endowment fund and interfering with the Town's contributions. Mayor Paul thought the seed money would come from the Endowment Fund and there would be a transition period during which they would continue with charitable donations. She hoped there would be enough time to obtain substantial donations for the next budget season. Vice-Mayor Crowley wanted to confirm that approving this would not eliminate the Endowment Fund. Mayor Paul said that this would supplement what they did through the transition period.

Vice-Mayor Crowley made a motion to approve. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Councilmember Luis was concerned that a couple of charities that served the Town well would be hurt in this process. Mayor Paul felt it was up to Council to ensure that this did not happen.

Councilmember Starkey pointed out they must be very aware of Council's role, and this was why setting up a Community Chest run by members of the community was a better idea. She felt Council should review and approve the by-laws when the committee moved forward.

Councilmember Starkey stated that there had been concerns expressed by Councilmembers and the community and she wanted to ensure these were addressed. Specifically, there were some charities to which the Town contributed by grants because the grants could be used for leverage for additional grants. Mayor Paul reminded Council that they had established specific criteria for the Fair Share participants, and they could encourage the Community Chest administrators to use these same criteria.

Councilmember Starkey said that there had been an article in the newspaper regarding the CEO of The Starting Place, and she asked Mr. Shimun to look into this issue.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT BILL CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Mayor Paul explained that the proposed resolution addressed Council's concerns regarding Home Rule. Included in Council's information was a message from Mr. Sigerson about the Growth Management legislation.

Councilmember Starkey stated that both the Florida League of Cities and the counties opposed the Growth Management bill as currently drafted. She explained that the intent of the bill was to stimulate the State's economy and job growth and the objections concerned the language regarding individual municipalities' Home Rule authority. Councilmember Starkey worried that "broadly taking that out there" could be an issue when the Town supported some of the legislation, such as appropriation bills. Since the bill had overwhelming support, she was unsure if the Town's effort would matter.

Mayor Paul said that the resolution indicated that the Town opposed anything that would restrict, eliminate or limit Home Rule authority only but did not oppose the entire Growth Management bill. She felt it was important for Council to make its own local decisions.

Councilmember Starkey was concerned because Weston had attempted to amend Senate Bill 362 with a provision that would apply to The Commons. This attempt had failed because the State legislators realized it could not be done retroactively.

Vice-Mayor Crowley was concerned that Mr. Sigerson had not been named as the author of the report. Mayor Paul responded that Mr. Sigerson had assisted in writing the resolution. Since this did not target any specific projects, Vice-Mayor Crowley said that he did not oppose it.

Councilmember Luis made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Crowley, to approve. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 5-0)

Mayor Paul asked that the resolution be provided to the Broward Delegation and the League of Cities.

Mayor Paul reminded Council that Donovan Francis had appeared before Council distressed that he could not get a Certificate of Occupancy for his home because the road was not complete, which had caused him financing problems. She questioned if Council could make an exception and facilitate his receiving a Certificate of Occupancy with some sort of agreement regarding the road.

Mr. Rayson advised that he was meeting with Mr. Francis on Friday and indicated that there was an existing bond that could possibly cover the cost of the improvement. Mr. Rayson reminded Council that Mr. Francis had signed a letter to the Town some years ago indicating that he would not seek a Certificate of Occupancy until the road was finished. The problem had arisen because two of the lot owners had balked at paying their share of the road improvement. This left the other owners to make up the difference, which they did not want to do. Mr. Rayson suggested that Council wait until after his meeting with Mr. Francis before taking any action.

Vice-Mayor Crowley suggested that a temporary Certificate of Occupancy might help Mr. Francis with his financing issue. Mayor Paul wanted Council to agree that they would do whatever they could to help Mr. Francis, based on Mr. Rayson's opinion and the results of the meeting.

Vice-Mayor Crowley asked Fire Chief Joseph Montopoli if he had concerns about the conditions of the existing road. Chief Montopoli stated that as long as the width was up to the requirement for a dirt road, he had no problem with it.

## **10. SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING**

10.1 Schedule Impact Fee Workshop for May 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Crowley requested that an executive session be held prior to the next Council meeting regarding the FOP contract. Councilmember Caletka supported this request. Mayor Paul noted that an executive session regarding some litigation [DePaola] was needed. Vice-Mayor Crowley suggested having the two executive sessions on May 6th and finding another date for the workshop.

After some discussion, Council agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m. on May 6th on the impact fee followed by the two executive sessions at 6:30 p.m.

10.2 Reschedule First Budget Hearing from September 10, 2009 to September 8, 2009

Budget and Finance Director William Ackerman advised that the budget hearings needed to be rescheduled and proposed the following schedule:

- September 8th at 5:15 p.m. - first budget hearing
- September 21st at 5:15 p.m. - second budget hearing
- September 14th at noon - assessment hearing

Vice-Mayor Crowley suggested holding the September Council meetings immediately after the budget hearings and Council agreed.

10.3 Schedule Budget Workshops/Special Meetings for July

Mr. Ackerman advised that if Council did not hold a budget workshop in July, a June workshop was critical. It was imperative that a hearing be held on August 3rd to pass a preliminary assessment rate for solid waste and fire because this was due to Broward County on August 4th.

Vice-Mayor Crowley thought they must meet at least once in July. The Charter specified that the open public meeting had to be held during the first meeting of the month, and was unsure they could opt to hold no meeting at all. He pointed out that July had five Wednesdays and there was plenty of time to hold one meeting. Vice-Mayor Crowley asked if Council was required to meet at least once per month to satisfy the open public meeting requirement. Mr. Rayson responded in the negative.

Mayor Paul suggested a budget hearing and a Council meeting be held on July 29th at 6:00, which would obviate the need for an August 3rd budget hearing. She added that the regular meeting with the open public meeting could be held that night.

## **11. MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER'S COMMENTS COUNCILMEMBER CALETKA**

**TREE PRUNING CONCERN.** Kathy Cox, a former Councilmember, had alerted Councilmember Caletka that Public Works staff might be improperly pruning trees into a "lollipop" shape that made them unstable. He asked that this practice stop.

**“DE-ANNEXATION” OF I-595 FROM THE TOWN LIMITS.** Councilmember Caletka wanted to alert the Florida Legislature that Davie intended to “de-annex” I-595 from the Town limits to send the message that they “should not have to pay for these accidents that occur.” He did not feel the Town residents should be paying tax dollars to service accidents in “Lexus” lanes that were inaccessible to Town residents.

**MEMORIAL MOST PROGRAM.** Councilmember Caletka stated that the Memorial MOST Program had “done some not so nice things” to some of the residents at Potter Park. He said that he had a strong aversion to holding this program at the Police Athletic League (PAL) facility and would prefer it be moved to Bamford Park. He felt someone was “starting to interfere” with some of the programs that the PAL was trying to initiate.

Councilmember Starkey disagreed, and felt staff and PAL had tried to work through the problems that occasionally arose. She noted that there were already programs at Bamford and there was insufficient room to accommodate these children. Mr. Shimun agreed there was not sufficient space for both programs. Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Andresky agreed that summer session would be difficult and changing the location to Pine Island would cause the same problems there as were now occurring at Potter Park. The Eastside Community Center might be the best option, but upgrading the Center would require funding.

Mr. Rayson said that he had been working with Mr. Andresky and Executive Aide Kristi Caravella on this issue and indicated that the biggest problem was the County certification for a childcare facility. They had requested an exemption from the County to allow the MOST Program to have its educational component at the Eastside facility, but this could be a complex process, whereas the PAL facility was already certified. Councilmember Caletka asked staff to have someone from the Memorial MOST Program call him as soon as possible.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER LUIS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION.** Councilmember Luis announced that on May 14th at Western High School auditorium, the Fire Department would give a presentation describing the location they wanted for a new Station in District 4.

**FARM PARK FENCE.** Councilmember Luis hoped that the Farm Park fence would be installed soon. Public Works Director Manny Diez reported that staff was currently preparing the contract.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER STARKEY**

**RANDY POHLMAN’S RETIREMENT.** Councilmember Starkey distributed a proclamation she asked Council to consider placing on one of Council’s May agendas. She wanted Dr. Pohlman to be recognized for his work at the Wayne Huizenga School of Business at Nova Southeastern University.

**SIDEWALK AT ROBBINS LODGE.** Councilmember Starkey planned to meet with Assistant Public Works Director Dan Oyler regarding the path going into the sidewalk on Robbins Lodge.

**SHENANDOAH PARK BURROWING OWLS.** Councilmember Starkey had received an email from a Shenandoah resident alerting her that there were burrowing owls at Shenandoah and requested that Town staff be notified. Mayor Paul said that this had already been taken care of.

**RECOGNITION FOR HEROIC TEENAGERS.** Councilmember Starkey wanted to recognize the young men who had entered a burning building in east Davie to save the occupants. Mayor Paul said that Public Information Officer Braulio Rosa was working on this matter.

#### **VICE-MAYOR CROWLEY**

**WATERWAY CLEANUP.** Vice-Mayor Crowley invited everyone to meet for the Annual Waterway Cleanup on April 18th outside Town Hall.

#### **MAYOR PAUL**

**SISTER CITY PROGRAM.** Mayor Paul had spoken with Joanna Bueno with the Brazilian Rodeo regarding a possible Sister City relationship between Davie and Divinopolis, Brazil. She distributed information regarding Divinopolis and asked to discuss this at a future Council meeting.

Councilmember Starkey said that the Town had looked into this before, but there had been a cost to join the Sister Cities organization, and this was one reason the Town had decided not to go forward with it. Mayor Paul thought they could do their own program if the expense was a consideration.

**SAFE DRIVING RALLY.** Mayor Paul announced that she would attend the Safe Driving Rally at the Rodeo Arena on April 16th.

**EGG HUNT.** Mayor Paul thanked Special Projects Director Bonnie Stafiej and her staff for organizing the successful egg hunt the previous weekend.

**GREEN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION.** Mayor Paul said that she was still waiting for the Green Energy and Environmental Committee resolution to be placed on Council's agenda. She distributed information regarding the Sierra Club's Cool City program. Mayor Paul noted this presented the opportunity for everyone to get involved in the environmental programs they were considering for the Town.

**WAIVER OF FEES FOR SHENANDOAH EVENTS.** Mayor Paul said that the Shenandoah Homeowners Association had requested a waiver of fees for three upcoming events. She felt this would not be possible for all of the fees, but wanted Councilmember Luis to meet with staff to discuss possibilities regarding the use of the arena for a talent show. Councilmember Luis agreed to meet with staff. He and Mayor Paul agreed they could probably waive the fees for the Fall Festival, since the Association performed the cleanup.

**CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.** Mayor Paul wanted to move forward with conservation easements for the Town's parks and open spaces that were not covered by bonds and grants.

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION.** Mayor Paul announced that she would attend the Arbor Day celebration at Flamingo Elementary School.

**BLACK STALLION LITERACY PROGRAM.** Mayor Paul stated that she would attend the Black Stallion Literacy Program at Davie Elementary sponsored by the South Florida Trail Riders, in cooperation with the Davie/Cooper City Rotary Club.

**POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO RESIDENTS' COMPLAINTS.** Mayor Paul had received phone calls from residents frustrated by staff's response that they could do

nothing to help regarding some of the issues/problems presented to them. Mayor Paul asked if staff could indicate to residents that they would look into a possible solution, because the solution might lie with Council. Mayor Paul wanted the process to become so user friendly and efficient that Council no longer received calls from residents.

**12. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

**HOUSING DIRECTOR.** Mr. Shimun announced that as of April 16th, Giovanni Moss would be the Housing Director.

**13. TOWN ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk